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SUBJECT: MEDIAN LINE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN IRAN AND GULF STATES

DURING MEETING JULY 18 AT MFA WITH SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR
GENERAL NADIM ON OTHER SUBJECTS, HE VOLUNTEERED FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
IRAN AND GULF STATES ON MEDIAN LINE AGREEMENTS:

1. IRAN HAS MEDIAN LINE AGREEMENTS WITH BAHREIN, QATAR,
AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. WITH REGARD TO OTHER GULF STATES, STATUS OF NEGOTIA-
TIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. KUWAIT - NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT STANDSTILL BECAUSE
AS LONG AS KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA CANNOT AGREE OVER
RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION IN NEUTRAL ZONE AREA, AGREEMENT
WITH IRAN IS IMPOSSIBLE.

B. ABU DHABI - NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING "VERY
SERIOUSLY". MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK HERE IS HOW TO
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ACCOMMODATE ABU DHABI'S DISPUTE WITH SAUDI ARABIA OVER

BURAIMI. GOI HAS PROMISED SAUDIS IT WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT WITH ABU DHABI WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE SAUDI'S CASE ON BURAIMI DISPUTE AND ABU DHABI IS OBJECTING.

C. DUBAI - NEGOTIATIONS ALSO UNDER WAY WITH DUBAI WHICH NADIM CLAIMS HAS RECEIVED AUTHORITY FROM UAE TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH IRAN. NADIM HOPEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH DUBAI WILL BE CONCLUDED SHORTLY. (SEE ALSO TEHRAN 5078).

D. OMAN - NEGOTIATIONS ARE ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY TO FORMULATE MEDIAN LINE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN STRAITS OF HORMUZ. TALKS ARE BEING KEPT SECRET AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA.
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